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APPLICANT: Ganesh N. Ramaswamy et al.

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In response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

[] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

[] A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

[X] No additional fee is required.
The fee has been calculated as shown below:

| | (Col. 1) | (Col. 2) | (Col. 3) | SMALL ENTITY | OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY |
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| REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | | PRESENT EXTRA | ADDIT. RATE FEE | ADDIT. OR RATE FEE |
| TOTAL | 42 | MINUS 50 | = 0 | X 9 \$ | X 18 \$ 0 |
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| | | | TOTAL | OR TOTAL | \$ 0 |

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[] Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0510/IBM (Yorktown Heights) in the amount of \$ _____. Two (2) copies of this sheet are enclosed.

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[X] Please charge any deficiency as well as any other fee(s) which may become due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and/or 1.17 at any time during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment of such fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 50-0510/IBM. Also, in the event any extensions of time for responding are required for the pending application(s), please treat this paper as a petition to extend the time as required and charge Deposit Account No. 50-0510/IBM therefor. TWO (2) COPIES OF THIS SHEET ARE ENCLOSED.

Respectfully submitted,

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